



PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No: 15436.177.1

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

I, James Finn Aldridge declare: that I am a citizen of the United States of America; that my residence and post office address is 1253 Byron Street, Palo Alto, California 94301; that I verily believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled DENSE WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXING ON COARSE WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXING NETWORKS for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 17, 2004 and assigned Serial No. 10/802,434; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I hereby claim the benefit under Section 119 of Title 35 of the United States Code of the earlier filed pending application, Serial No. 60/455,633, filed March 17, 2003; and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the earlier filed pending application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Section 112 of Title 35 of the United States Code, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information, as defined in Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which occurred between the filing date of the earlier filed application and the filing date of this application.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements

were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

I hereby appoint as my attorneys and/or patent agents those listed under the following Customer Number with full power to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

Signed this 27th day of JULY 2004.

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